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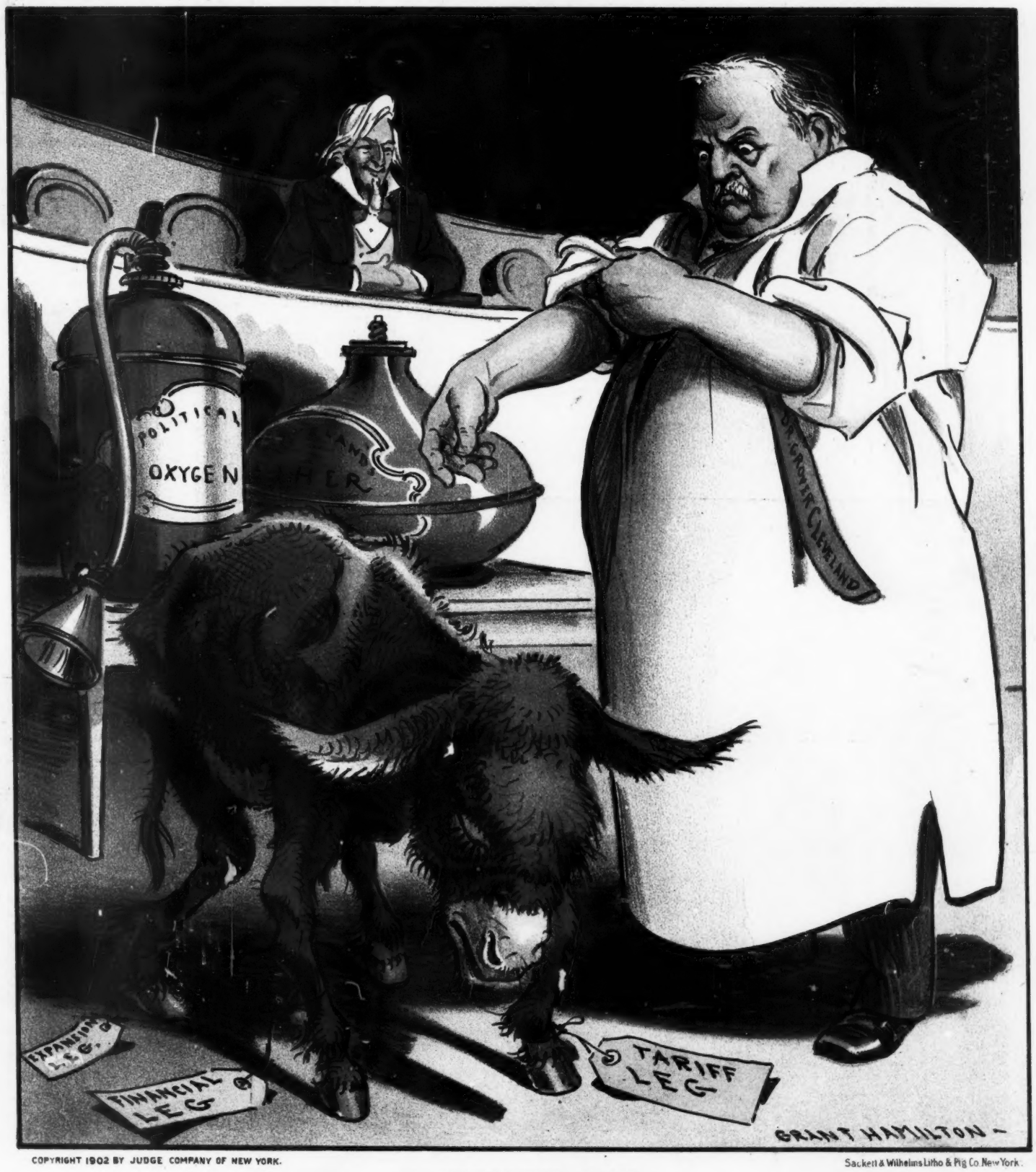

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Can Doctor Lorenz Cleveland straighten out the old Democratic mule?

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IMITATION is the sincerest flattery—it matters not in what form it manifests itself. And yet it may not be fair to denounce as imitation the practice of the art of another when the end of the practitioner is to bring about a result that will benefit an individual. The methods of Dr. Lorenz, the eminent Vienna surgeon, are known to and will probably at no distant period be practiced by specialists throughout the land. If Dr. Cleveland of Princeton, New Jersey, had been present at any of the clinics at which Dr. Lorenz presided he would doubtless have gathered a few chunks of knowledge which would be invaluable to him in his heroic but vain imitation of the Vienna artist to restore the general anatomy of the Democratic donkey to the curves and lines which, we are told, were peculiar to the pristine symmetry of this tempestuous and refractory quadruped. Dr. Cleveland has a large and difficult job on his hands, and for his own sake we trust that he is doing it at a certain sum per day, and not by contract. The Democratic donkey's hip-joints are all right for kicking purposes, and his feet may be relied upon to cause anything with which they come in contact to disintegrate and scatter like the drop of water that falls upon a red-hot stove. Possibly the object of Dr. Cleveland's manipulations is to limber up the joints of his distinguished patient and Pegasus, and in a way gain hypnotic control over him, to the end that he may be, so to speak, subverted to the uses of the party of which he is practically the head, as well as the heels. The Democratic donkey may have a weakness for massage; he may feel the thrills of ecstasy peculiar to the lotos-eater, while his ankles are being kneaded and his knee-pans worked back and forth as if he were not self-kicking. And yet it is not likely that the efforts of Dr. Cleveland will have a lasting effect on him, although it is quite reasonable and consistent to conclude that the Democratic donkey is sufficiently discriminating to appreciate the Princeton specialist's swan's-down palms, soaked as they are with nard, frankincense and myrrh for the occasion. We wish him all kinds of luck in his attempt to bring happiness and joy to the heart of the Democratic donkey, and trust that the great duck-hunter and agricultural orator may make as much of the fleeting coin of the realm out of his highly interesting operation as will be realized by the men who have the great forethought and wisdom to bet their shekels of gold and silver that he will not be the banner-bearer of his party in the year of grace 1904.

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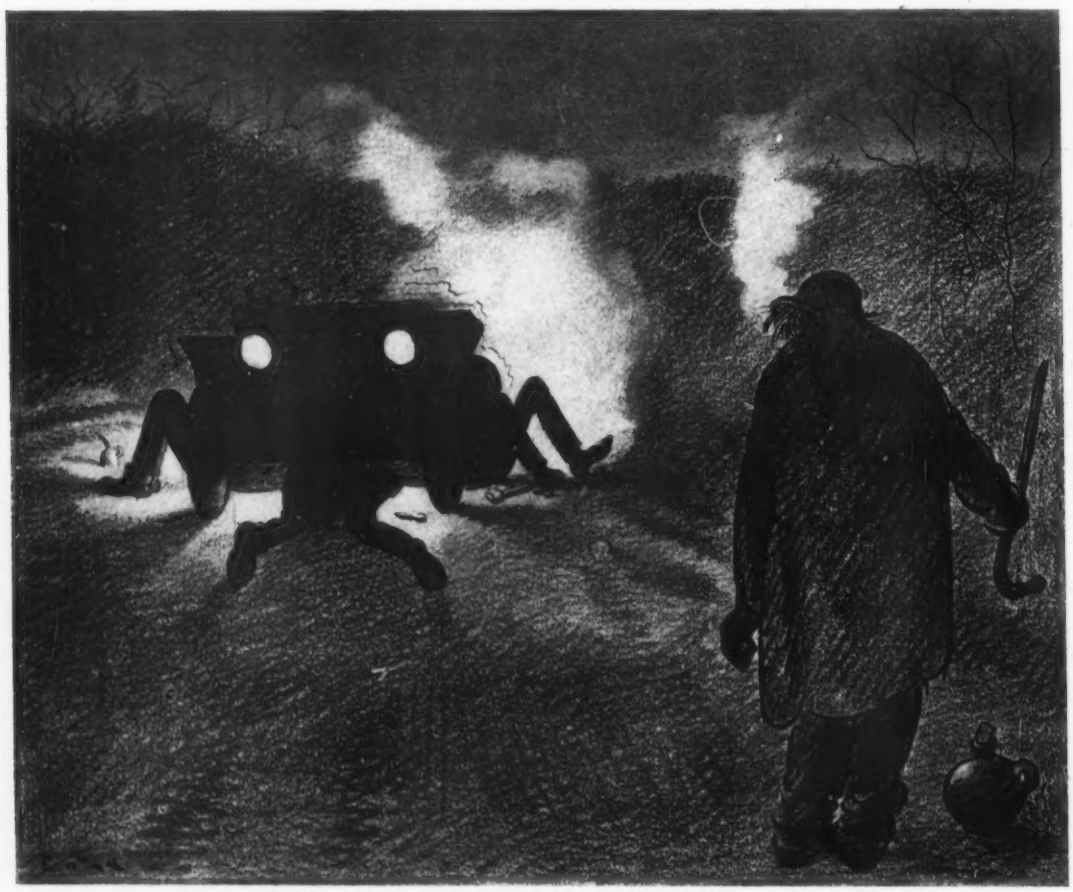
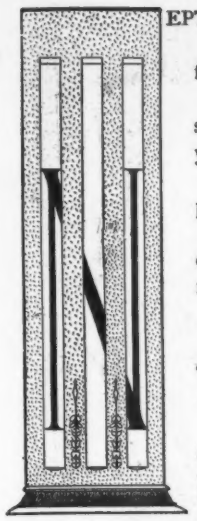
UNCLE SAM has always enjoyed an enviable reputation for the largeness and the grandeur of his hospitality. In short, he is, to put it mildly, a host among hosts. He is always going about, not seeking whom he may devour, but whom he may fill to repletion and cause to skip the joyful saraband. There are no microbes in Uncle Sam's hospitality. And this fact is quite well known to each and every beast of the Democratic jungle, as well as the beasts of many other jungles which are now deserted, that the said beasts may toast their shins and singe their skins around the stove of Republican prosperity, that is run with a protective flue, and is now going at full blast, despite the fact that coal is practically worth its weight in gold. The stove is genial and red hot, for the reason that Mr. Roosevelt is operating the scuttle and poker in such a way as to convince these animals that he is the man for this zoo, and also that the poker is as mighty as the sword. We have heard of games that are not worth the candle, and yet are we inclined to fancy that this game is one that is well worth the coal, if only as the means of creating a picture that is a sort of political millennium. These animals may not appreciate the underlying principles of Republicanism any more than they do those of the Monroe doctrine, but they know when their frozen feet are thawed out, and when the rheumatism is eliminated from their joints by the process of melting. In other words, they know a good stove when they see it and feel the glow of its rosy rays. It is a warmth that causes smiles of gilt-edged content to ripple over the leathern envelope of the Democratic donkey, who shows as keen an appreciation of this thing as does the good old Republican elephant who rocks lazily to and fro and munches the caramel of boundless rapture. The Tammany tiger stretches and purrs close to the lamb of woman-suffrage, and it is not going too far to say that the lamb has a faith in the Tammany tiger that quite eclipses that entertained by the average citizen. The solid-south bear enjoys the stove of Republican prosperity to the utmost, and quite prefers it to hibernation, while the Canadian moose feels happy through and through, as do the hyena of anarchism, the simian of anti-imperialism, the prohibitionist duck, and the rattlesnake of free silver. They are all basking in the sunshine of Uncle Sam's stove, and they constitute about as happy a family as ever was seen on this festive sphere. The good old Republican stove is now running on full time, and will continue so to do as long as the coal holds out to burn. Perhaps some of the animals may be taught by its hospitality that they would be better off in the fold that it represents than out in the cold that would be theirs if it were, for instance, a free-silver stove. If they learn this valuable lesson they will certainly be better off, and the stove will not have been kept going in vain. While the stove holds out to burn even the Democratic donkey may return and thereafter shine as a gazelle of peerless grace and friskiness.



HOW AN AUTOMOBILE BREAK-DOWN SERVED AS A TEMPERANCE LESSON.

FARMER JAGGERS (*telling about it after his recovery a month later*)—"I seen the darn spider animal right afore me, snortin' an' quiverin' like it wuz achin' fer ter grab suthin' an' make a meal offin it. I figgered the thing out an' calc'lated I better go round by the other road. I hain't had no taste fer licker since."

A WATERY JOKE.



NEPTUNE had just propounded a riddle.

"How do you know I'm not from Chicago?" he asked.

"Because you use a fork," answered the mermaid. "And how do you know I am not?"

"You haven't any feet," he replied.

However, when they sprang this on the rest of the company passing mariners reported angry seas.

A MAN OF BUSINESS.

THE angry father kicks the young man from the front steps.

"Sir," says the young man, picking himself up, "I would like to call your attention to the goods handled by my house. We make the best line of soft-rubber soles and heels that you can find anywhere."

Father goes back into the house, rubbing his chin and wondering whether, after all, he has not made a mistake in refusing to welcome so great a business genius into his family.

IT'S an ill wind that inflates no tire.

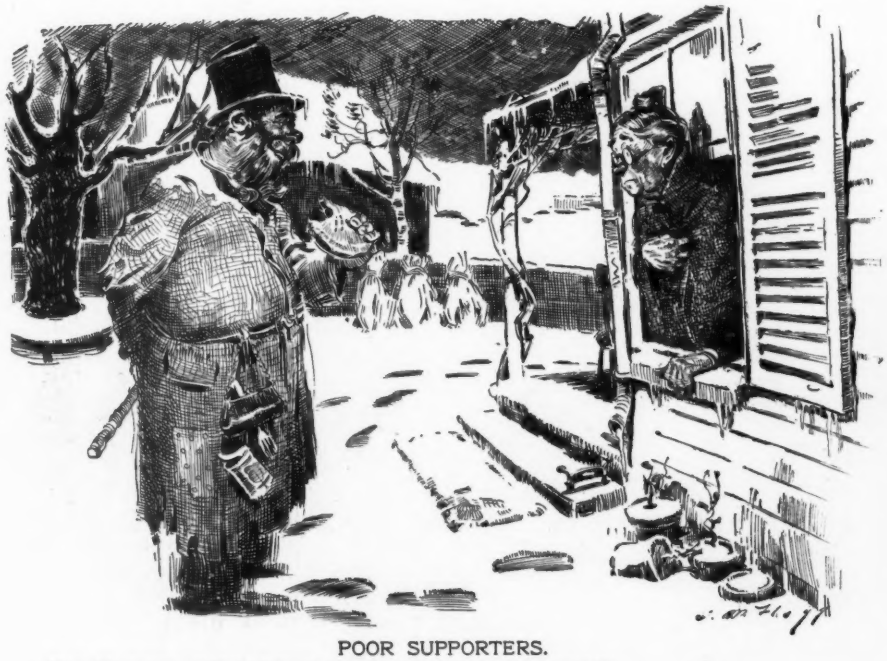
AFTER THE UPSET.

HIS BEST GIRL—"Oh, Jimmy! ain't dis delishus! Jes' like an autermobile!"

A CONSOLING REFLECTION.

She—"I suppose I must weigh a hundred and sixty. Just think—I wasn't a pound over a hundred and five when we were married!"

Her husband—"Well, if you had lost as much as you've gained you wouldn't be here now to grumble about it."



POOR SUPPORTERS.

MRS. HANDOUT—"Poor fellow! have you no means of support?"

WEARY WILLIE—"No, lady. I wanted ter bring me sons up ter be jockeys, but me wife insisted on making poets out uv dem."

VERY NATURAL.

"HE MARRIED two women and is in jail now expiating his crime."

"And his wives are expatiating on it out of jail."

Trees have hearts, as well we know.
I'd capture one—but hark!
Oh, don't you hear that warning sound?
'Tis its protecting bark.

SAVING.

WITH a self-satisfied smile the miser reads the book of maxims. He finds nothing therein which he cannot improve until he reaches this, "Time is money."

Then, with much haste, he rushes to the dining-room and to the parlor and to the hall, and all over the house, and stops every clock he can find.

NOT FUNNY.

"IS HIS new play a tragedy?"

"It must be. There are two marriages in the first act."

A CRYING NECESSITY.

"What the world needs is more poets."

"More poets? Why, there are so many poets *now* that they can barely make a living."

"Yes; but if there were more of them they couldn't live at all."

JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

ELIZABETH TYREE.

Whene'er, a lissome vision,
Around the stage you wing
And lift us into fairy-land
Serenely while you sing,

We fancy that all shekels
Of silver and of gold
Were given us in shining heaps,
To be with joy unrolled,

To buy the magic pasteboard
That takes us to the show
In which you're quite the shining star
Of beauty, don't you know.

JOURNALISTIC JOCULARITY.

"HOW do you like my new print dress?" asked the first editor's wife, who was arrayed in a calico confection.

"It must be an extra," said the wife of the rival editor. "I see it has a scare-head over it."

Two forms were pied that day.

THE WRONG PARTY FELT IT.

Warwick—"Yes, Sluggs started a paper out at Rag Weed Centre—said he meant to fill a long-felt want."

Wickwire—"Ah, did he succeed?"

Warwick—"No; he couldn't fill the want, so he had to keep on feeling it."

THE RULES OF THE GAME.

"SENATOR," we ventured, "your letter reads, 'I see by your paper to-day.' That will never do."

The distinguished statesman was nonplussed. We explained,

"You should write, 'My attention has been called to an article in your issue of to-day.'"

Knowing that we had his welfare at heart, the senator accepted our advice.

A GOOD DEFINITION.

Tommy Wise—"Pa, what is an optimist?"

Mr. Wise—"An optimist, my son, is a person who has the faculty for making a mole-hill out of a mountain."

HIS DARWINIAN ANCESTORS.

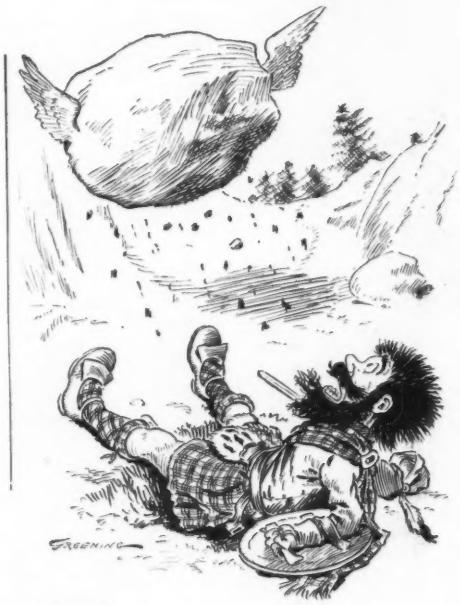
Mae—"Cholly is awfully proud of his family tree."

Ethel—"I'm quite willing to believe that his ancestors lived in trees, but I don't see why he should be proud of it."

GALLANTRY.

"Dey told me yesterday, Mr. Simmons, dat you was a woman-hater."

"Ah, dear loidy, yesterday I didn't know you."



SCOTTISH HISTORY.

RODERICK DHU—"Come one, come all! This rock shall fly from its firm base as soon as I!"

THE ROCK—"Ta, ta, Roddie!"

FREE AND EASY.

LEARY—"What did the jedge say when yer sassed him?"
BLEARY—"Said I wuz a trifle too free an' giv me sixty days."

AN EASY LOAD.

"GOBANG was hypnotized the other night and made to believe that he was drunk. You ought to have seen his actions."

"That is what might be called being loaded with blank cartridges."

THE FOREIGN WAY.

Smith—"That story you were telling me about the Russian prince going to Chicago to drink champagne out of the shoe of a pretty actress is rather far-fetched."

Brown—"Why so?"

Smith—"There are any number of pretty actresses right here in New York who would jump at the chance."

Brown—"Yes; but, you see, the prince likes a long drink."

BALLADE OF THE AVENUE.

THIS is the hour when, out on the street,
Now that the clocks in the tower point three,
Geraldine comes, looking wondrously sweet,
Geraldine, Agnes, and dear Marjorie,
All of them lovely as some fleur-de-lis.
None of them ever has once disobeyed
Great Madam Fortune, as you will agree—
Ho! for the avenue carriage parade!

Never on foot come these maidens discreet,
Though the day 's springlike, as you and I see;
You and I ride, when the winter rains beat,
You and I ride (in a trolley, maybe!)
But they in their own equipages, pardee
(Not in poor carriages, tattered and frayed).
Alack! *I* must walk — with stern poverty—
Ho! for the avenue carriage parade!

Pity the people who wear out their feet,
Fortunate maids, as you flutter by me.
I would be happy had I but the seat
Your proud driver has, dressed in gay livery!
And yet I'm rejoiced as you hurriedly flee,
Nodding to none save to one who's afraid
Even to hope for a slight courtesy—
Ho! for the avenue carriage parade!

ENVOY.

Fortune, I pray you, from your treasury
Send me enough that my debts may be paid,
That, riding with *my* girl, I'll sing merrily,
"Ho! for the avenue carriage parade!" CHARLES HANSON TOWNE.

EASILY RENDERED.

"TH' FRINCH language," declared Mr. O'Tunder, "is so like th' Irish thot I hev no trouble at all, at all, t'undyshtand it."

"Nonsense," commented Mr. Phleggum.

"No nonsinse about it," asserted Mr. O'Tunder. "I vinture t' sa-ay there 's no ixprission in Frinch thot may not aisily be ixprissed in Irish, by any wan who is famil-yer wid th' two tongues."

"More nonsense!" was the reply of Mr. Phleggum. "For instance, how would you put 'pardonnez moi' in Irish?"

"Wud ye shpell it fer me?"

Mr. Phleggum did so.

"'Tis aisy," declared Mr. O'Tunder. "In Irish th' sintince wud be shpoken thus: 'Pardonnez Moike.'"

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POSITIVELY PROVOKING.

"Her marriage was a great disappointment to her friends."
"Indeed?"
"Oh, yes. They all predicted it would turn out unhappily and it didn't."

YE EDITOR MANNE AND YE WETHYRE.

IN A winter morne whenne ye ayre was stille,
Ye editor took hys infallible quille
And writ of hys climate pure and blande,
Free fromme ye tempeste yt swept ye lande.

Yt very nighte whenne hys house was afloate
Ye editor hankyred inne vayne for a boate;
Butte waydyd forth inne an uncouthe dresse
To save ye remaynes of hys pryntynge-presse.

ADA FOSTER MURRAY.

HE HAD SOME RIGHTS.

"BACK! Back!" shouted Castro as the dauntless little army of foreigners attempted to disembark.

In the offing the forms of the war-ships of the different nations loomed ominously.

"You cannot land," declared the doughty South American. "I wish it distinctly understood that I retain all dramatic and historical-novel rights in this incident."

Baffled, the army of writers, rowing moodily back to their dispatch-boats, threaten all sorts of diplomatic vengeance.

CHEAP ILLUMINATION.

The Esquimau lives on the fat of the reindeer, the seal and the whale. Why shouldn't he swallow a wick and in this way obtain a brilliant light for the long winter nights?

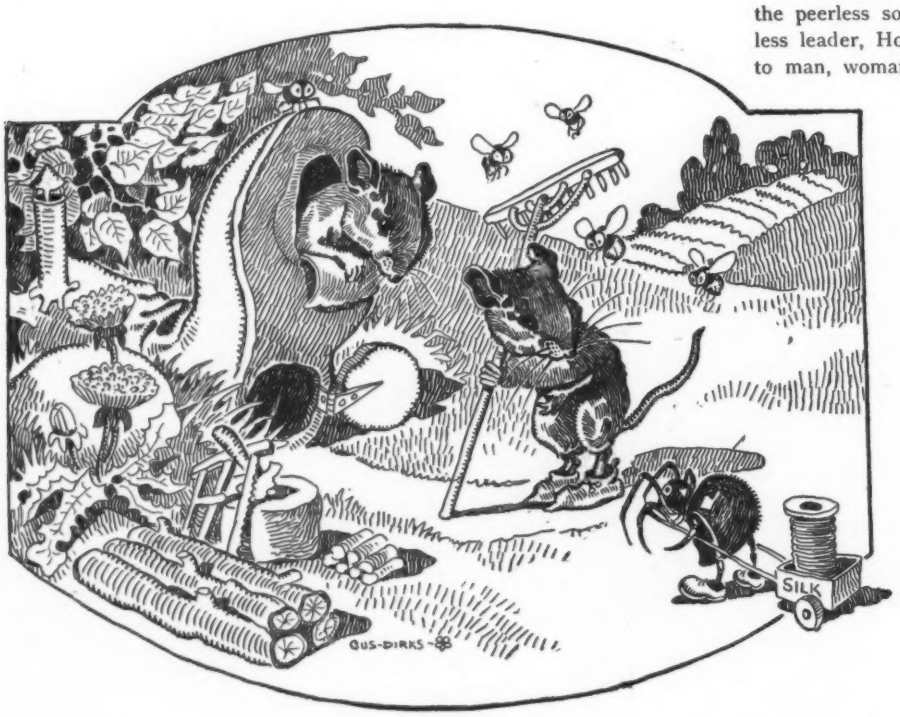
FITS THE DESCRIPTION.

"GENTLEMEN," shouts the impassioned orator at the convention, "I take pride in presenting for the nomination the peerless son of Pike county, the man of destiny, the fearless leader, Honorable Silas Trimmer, better known, perhaps, to man, woman and child in our fair state as 'the man on horseback'!"

There was considerable cheering when the speaker sat down, but a small man climbed on one of the rear seats and, as soon as quiet was restored, shouted,

"You bet he's known as 'the man on horseback.' He's the worst straddler that's ever been in politics in this state!"

After that it was easy money for the dark horse.



A FLY-TRAP.

MR. SPIDER—"Say, Mister Mouse, I see you're troubled quite a little with flies. Now how would you like me to make a nice fly-screen for that window?"

AN AFFLICTION.

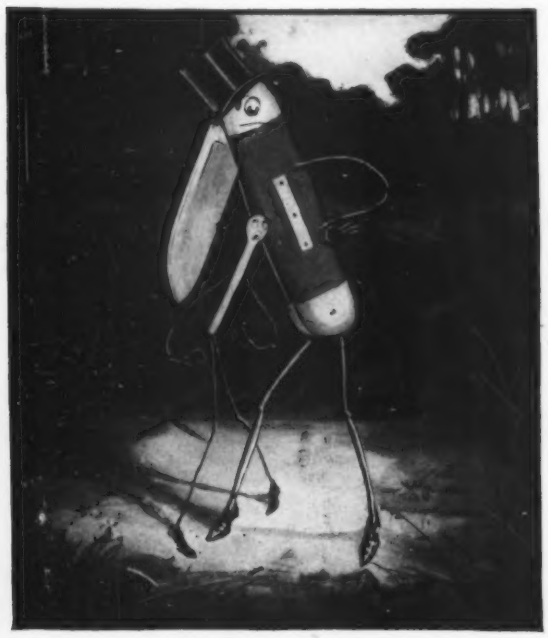
"MY STAGE fright disappeared the instant I got before the audience," said the girl who had just made a hit with her new turn.

"Huh! Mine 's just coming on now," said the manager bitterly as Miss Chasem—Driver and Chasem, knockabout comedians—clattered vivaciously before the footlights.

A HEREDITARY TRAIT.

"NO WANT him," said the Indian, pushing back the ticket; "cost too much."

"Ah, I see," mused the ticket-agent; "the influence of heredity is strong within you. You want a scalper's ticket."



1.
MATCH—"A-aw, shut up!"

SO IT APPEARED.

"SINCE the trusts and combines have got the upperhand," pessimistically said the proprietor of the corner grocery at Allegash, "the price of 'most everything has riz. Coffee, tea, salt, sugar, pickles, and"——

He sat down unpremeditatedly on the stool whereupon the cat was peacefully reposing, and concluded his remarks in a tone both rueful and resonant,

——"even the catsup!"

THERE are quite a number of people who can look in a mirror without seeing themselves as others see them.

2.
KNIFE—"Sure!"

CARICATURIST—"Things have come to a pretty pass when they refuse a tramp joke because it was done in wash."

FRIEND—"But how about the others?"

CARICATURIST—"Said the pig joke should have been made with a pen, the crazy man in distemper, and hereafter want all standard stuff in oil."

BY HIS FRUITS.

YO' is de pippin ob mah eye—
I sigh fo' yo', I'd die fo' yo'.
Yo' is de honey in de comb,
An' dat ar am no lie 'bout yo'.

Yo' is de peach, de plum, de grape;
Yo' is de sweet'nin' an' de cream—
De shuga-crustin' on de cake
Dat eber maik dis dawky dream.

'Dar's only one fruit dat yo' ain't—
Ter be it, honey, yo' mus' share
Yo'r lub wif me, an' den we bof
Will eber be dat one—a pear.

QUID PRO QUO.

"WHY, yes," says the generous manufacturer to the soliciting church committee; "I shall be glad, indeed, to provide for the new set of hymn-books that you request."

"Oh, thank you—thank you, sir!" cry the members of the committee.

"But," goes on the manufacturer, "why can't we have a little reciprocity about this? If I do something for you why can't you do something for me?"

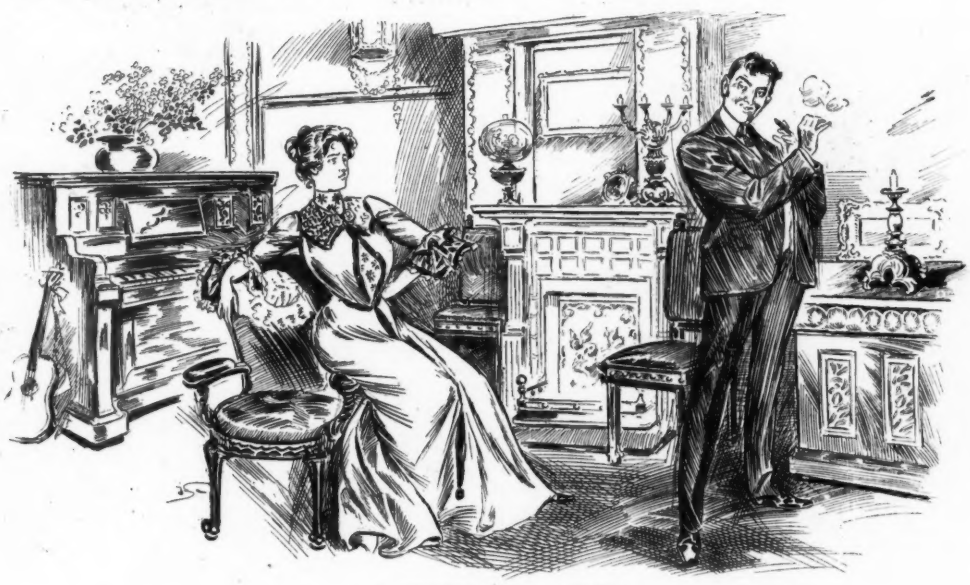
"We will always mention you in our prayers," promises the chairman of the committee.

"That's very good," says the manufacturer; "but you might do more than that. Suppose, now, that on the opposite page from the one that will contain the hymn, 'Bringing in the Sheaves,' you work in some sort of a favorable notice for my new models of harvesting machinery."

UNION RATES.

MOTHER—"Now, Bobby, if you'll be good for ten minutes I'll give you a nickel."

BOBBY—"Can't do it, mamma. Our boys' 'Be-good union' has fixed the amalgamated scale at a cent a minute."



A COMPARATIVE CINCH.

MRS. NEWLYWED—"Folks say you married me for my gold."

MR. NEWLYWED—"What nonsense! If I'd simply wanted gold I could have got it with far less hardship and suffering in Thunder mountain or Alaska."

HIS RANK.

"AH," SAYS the visiting foreigner to the magnate who has engineered the great deal in corn, "I suppose you are one of the famous captains of industry that your country has produced."

"Sir," replied the corn-king, "I am a colonel."

IT IS not usually so much a case of not getting what you want as of wanting what you can't get.

JUNGLE DENTISTRY.

"Jumpin' snakes, Lily! what in thunder does a dentist's bill of fourteen hundred and twenty dollars and fifty cents mean?"

"Mercy me, pa! I had to have my two front teeth capped."

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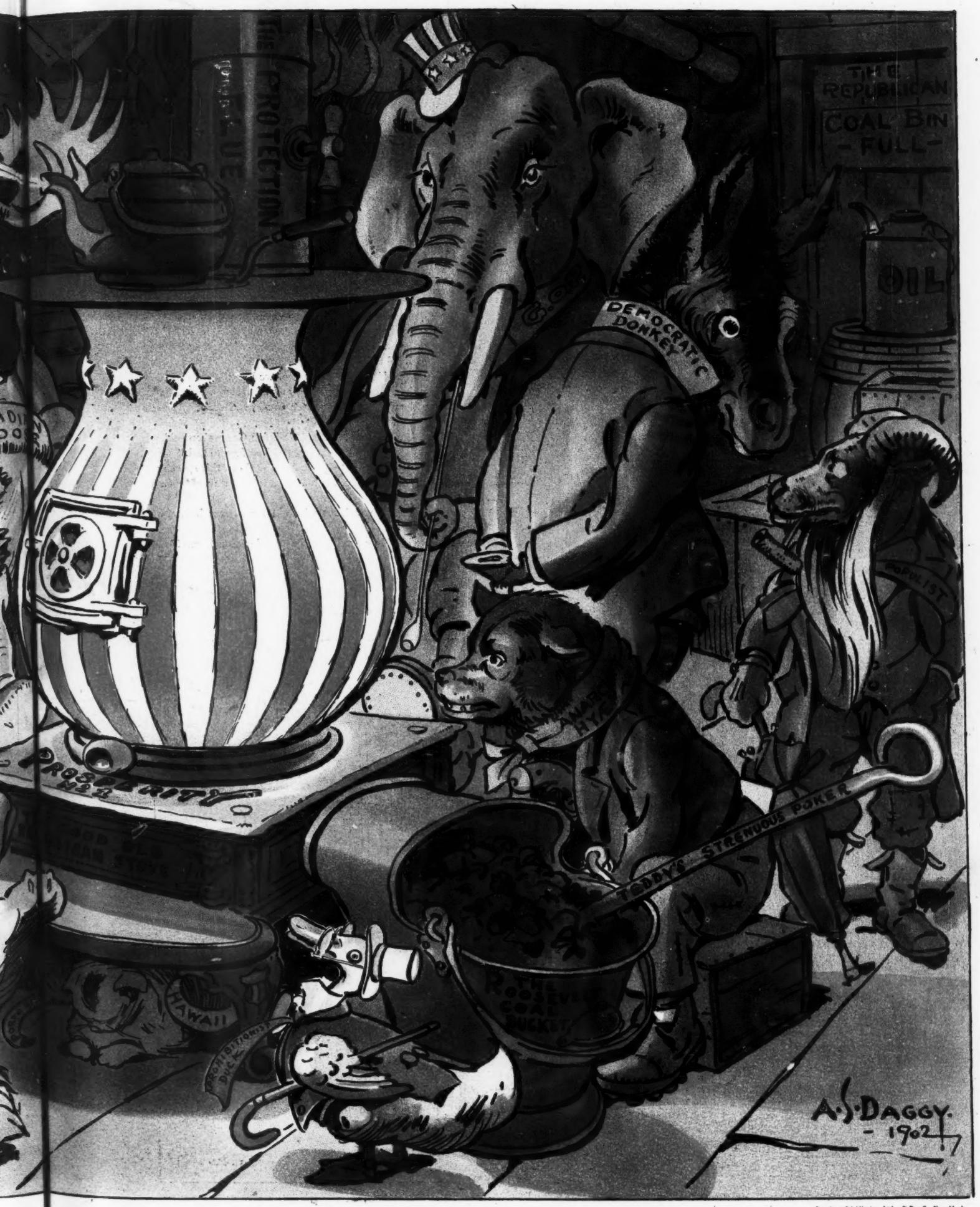
THE GOOD OLD REPUBLICAN

While all the political animals everlastingly kick about this stove, with its protection flu



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BLICAN PROSPERITY STOVE.

ts protection flue, yet we notice they are always willing to hang around it to warm up.

THE USEFUL CAPITALS.

ADMUS sat down one day and invented the alphabet. After several hours of painstaking toil he had designed all the small letters.

"They are very pretty," he said. "I like their curves and curls, and no doubt they will be of inestimable benefit to the people." Musing for a moment, he continued, "I wonder, though, if these letters will be sufficient to supply all the needs of the future. Ah, I had forgotten the writers of fables."

Whereat he turned to and invented the capital letters.

Otherwise we might never have had any instructive morals in our daily reading.

AN UNPARDONABLE FAULT.

Mr. Rounder—"Why did you ever let Makeup go? He was a thoroughly reliable man."

Mr. Bounder (newspaper owner)—"Reliable? Yes, but careless. He printed my best editorial on the Venezuela question on the tax-sales supplement and signed it 'Old Subscriber.' Reliable? Humph!"

"A BEAR-BACK RIDER."

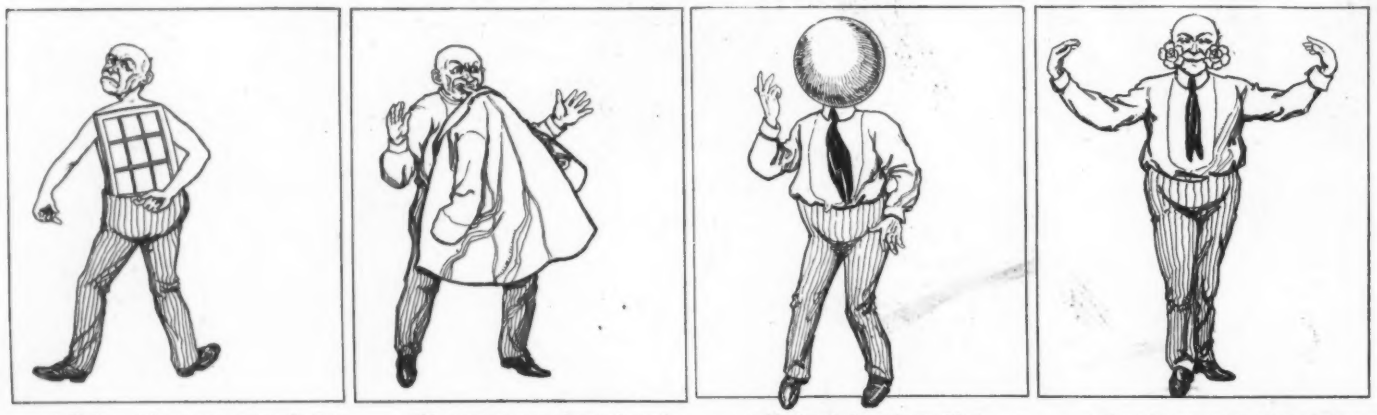
THE WISE MAN.

THERE lived a wondrous wise man once, the wisest ever seen,
Whose name was Herr Professor Solomon de Solon Green.
Folks said, "He's studied ancient lore, he's studied modern wit—
There is no branch of knowledge but that he's mastered it.
Oh, let us go to him at once and beg that he will speak
A masterpiece of ponderous thought worthy of any Greek."
They flocked in throngs and hordes to where the wise man lived; then they
Said, "Oh, Herr Solon Solomon, we beg that you will say
A few short words of wisdom, and all through future years
We will rejoice to hear those words still ringing in our ears."
Wise Herr Professor Solomon de Solon Green then said,
"I eat when I am hungry, when tired I go to bed."
In awe the people listened and copied down this speech;
And as they slowly went away they murmured each to each,
"Sure, such a wondrous wise old man never before was seen
As sage old Herr Professor Solomon de Solon Green!"

CAROLYN WELLS.

SPOILED THE CAKE.
LADY—"What is the matter with this cake, Mary?"
MARY—"Ain't nothin' th' matther wid th' cake, but Oi shlipped up on th' icing."

PATIENCE sitting on a monument is not in it with patience collecting for a monument fund.



"Before taking your wonderful reviviscent I had panes in the back." "My tongue was always heavily coated." "My head, from loss of hair, resembled a billiard-ball." "On taking your great reviviscent the roses appeared in my cheeks."

"My eyes shone like stars, my lips became two ripe cherries." "My hair was like the raven's." "And when I appeared among my friends again they did not recognize me, so changed was I."

CURED WITH ONE BOTTLE—AN EVERY-DAY TESTIMONIAL.

The father of the large and expensive family had brought a guest home to dine with him. The dinner was in progress. He helped the guest liberally to everything that was on the table, but before serving the members of the family he glanced at his wife, who made a slight and imperceptible signal to him, in accordance with some preconcerted code, and it worked in practice as herein set forth.

"Caroline," he said to the eldest daughter, "shall I help you to some more of the chicken—n. m. k.?"

"Just a little, please, papa."

"Some of the mashed potato—a. y. w.?"

"If you please."

"With gravy—n. m. k.?"

"No, thanks; no gravy."

"Johnny, will you have some more stewed tomatoes—n. m. k.?"

"No, thanks."

"Some of the mashed turnips—a. y. w.?"

"If you please."

Though the host had repeated these letters hurriedly and in a lower tone, they had not escaped the attention of the guest.

"Pardon me, Mr. Throgson," he said, "but you have excited my curiosity. May I ask what 'a. y. w.' and 'n. m. k.' mean?"

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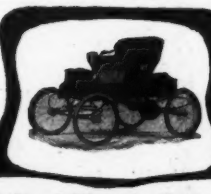

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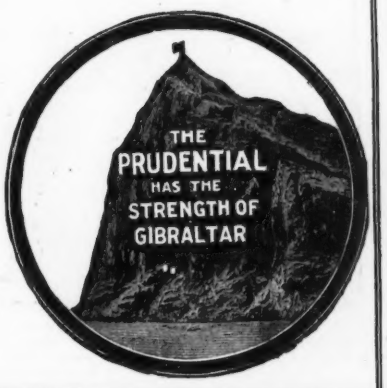

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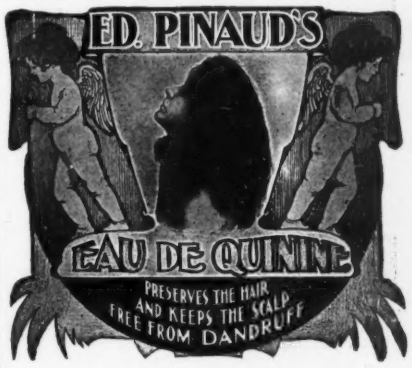

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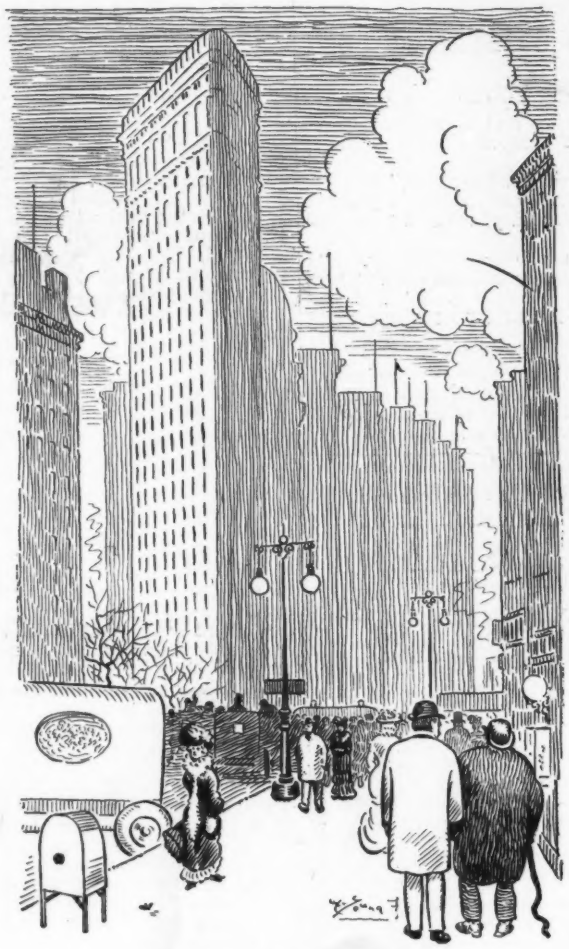

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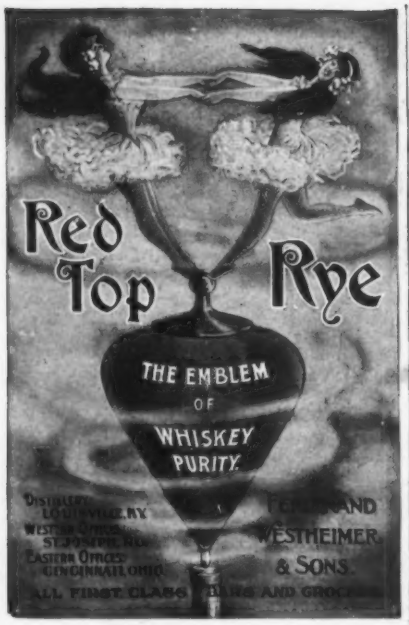

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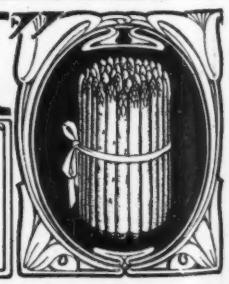

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To my home up north down south out
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There are tatters on my elbow and
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I had crusts of bread for dinner and an
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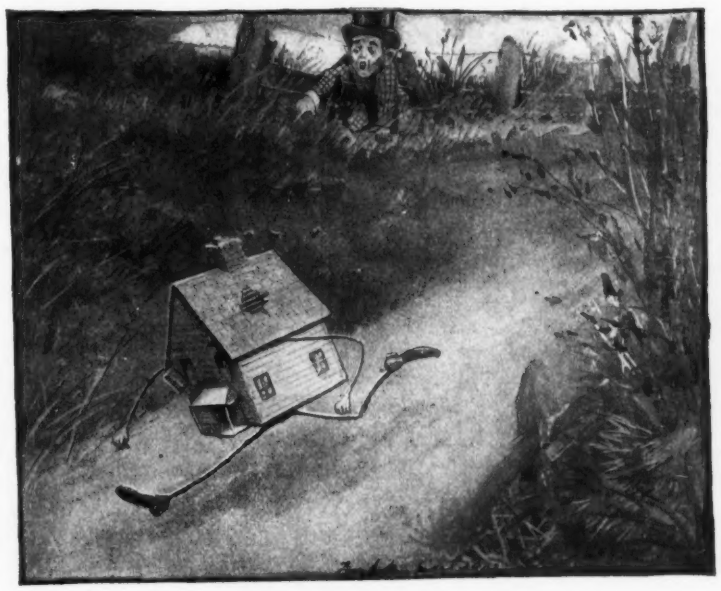

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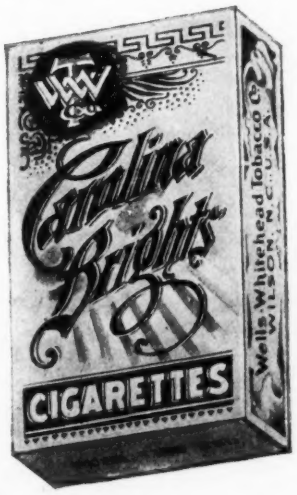

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